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Proposal calls for closures, restructuring

Tax increase bill would aid higher education

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
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Recommendations for program closures and the restructuring of the higher education governance structure have ignited controversy at some of Missouri's public colleges and universities.

Responding to a request made by Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia), Shailla Aery, commissioner for higher education, outlined her specific recommendations in a Feb. 8 report to Wilson. Wilson, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will introduce a bill to carry out many of the recommendations. The bill also would provide a \$300 million tax increase to benefit higher education.

Included in Aery's recommendations were changes that would involve turning Missouri Southern's associate nursing program into a four-year bachelor's program, and making Southern a part of a "Missouri State University System" along with Southeast Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, and Lincoln University.

"If you analyze the whole picture, including what other institutions are losing, Missouri Southern came out better than any other college in the state," said Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage).

According to Southern President Julio Leon, becoming a university would have more impact on the surrounding area than on the campus itself.

"We have to think about what kind of impact it would have on Jasper County, which would be rather significant," said Leon. "In the minds of many, the term 'university' carries a certain amount of prestige. I think it would be something

that would enhance the quality of life in this part of the state."

Aery's recommendations included:

- the elimination of 19 degree programs at various schools, which would result in an estimated savings of \$3.5 million;
- increasing admissions standards at the University of Missouri-Columbia;
- making Southwest Missouri State University the fifth campus in the MU system;
- offering mainly upper-level and graduate programs at the MU campuses in Kansas City and St. Louis;
- barring new public colleges for 10 years, or until the state ranks among the top states in terms of tax revenue for each college student;
- changing state law to allow the Coordinating Board for Higher Education—rather than each school's governing board—to eliminate academic programs.

Included in the 19 possible closures is the journalism program at CMSU, which would mean \$476,764 in reallocation funds.

Dr. Ed Elliott, CMSU president, said that while he will make every effort to retain CMSU's journalism program, the university is optimistic about outside reviews of the program.

"Basically, I view any proposal as being positive if it is a proposal designed to improve higher education," Elliott said. "We are open to any review of our program that might help us improve. We are confident, however, that we have an excellent journalism program here and it would be a loss to the state if it were to be eliminated."

Dr. Dan Curtis, chair of the department of communication at CMSU, also welcomes examinations of the program. "I welcome any external review of our

program," Curtis said. "It can only help us. But we are extremely proud of what we're doing here. The newspaper provides a vital application opportunity for our students."

"I know that we will make every effort to keep the program. We depend on our president to fight these kinds of battles."

According to Rep. Karen McCarthy (D-Kansas City), chairperson of the House Ways and Means Committee, the only additional funding offered by Gov. John Ashcroft outside of the CBHE recommended budget is a share of a \$55 million-proposed tax on cigarettes and tobacco.

"This kind of tax increase will not meet the needs of higher education," said McCarthy. "Much more than that is needed."

McCarthy believes that if voters are assured that their tax money is targeted toward a good cause, it will be easier for a tax increase to pass.

"I think that if the voters are convinced that their tax money is going to an area that sorely needs those funds, then they will vote themselves an increase," she said. "Voters are concerned that higher education in Missouri has become mediocre, but they also believe that the trend can be reversed."

Rep. James Barnes (D-Raytown), co-sponsor of the \$300 million tax increase bill, said the bill is based on another recommendation by Aery:

"Her [tax-increase] recommendation is based on the facts, that we need to have an average standard in this state," he said.

According to Barnes, the people of the state must approve the tax increase because of the Hancock Amendment. A vote could take place in the 1990 primary or general election.

"Missourians are responsive when they know the truth about an issue, if they know where the money is going to be spent," said Barnes. "We don't want to be behind Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. There is no reason for our graduates to be second-class citizens."

Some legislators have objected to a possible tax increase, saying higher education first needs to eliminate all duplication of courses.

"We've cut it out," Barnes said. "We have eliminated 229 programs. We have duplication only when it's necessary, because Missouri is such a large state."

Barnes, who labels himself a "conservative," says he is "tired of Missouri having to take a backseat economically. This bill gives Missourians an opportunity to commit to a better way."

Barnes said additional programs are needed in the areas of engineering, science, mathematics, computer science, and business.

"These programs are tied to the growth of a community," he said. "Missouri is behind in the partnership of business and higher education. We don't have the money available for the programs they need, particularly on the graduate level."

"We can't afford the luxury of a haphazard higher education program."

19 programs targeted for closure

School & Program(s)*	Cost
Northeast Missouri State	
Industrial science	\$741,424
Equine science	\$4,500
Agronomy	27,910
Agriculture economics	8,500
Animal sciences	85,000
Nursing	502,131
Foods and nutrition	120,338
Child and family development	120,000
Clothing and interiors	120,338
Criminal justice	269,782
Lincoln University	
Journalism	242,915
General agriculture	93,466
Foods and nutrition, fashion merchandising	105,015
Central Missouri State	
Journalism	476,764
Missouri Southern Nursing—associate	103,491
Missouri Western	
General agriculture	215,000
Southwest Missouri State	
General agriculture	133,401
Southeast Missouri State	
Nursing—associate	188,000
Total cost of 19 programs	\$3,557,975

* Unless otherwise specified, the program is for a bachelor's degree.

Aery targets nursing for elimination

Closure: \$103,491 savings

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern could eventually lose its two-year nursing program if a recommendation made by the commissioner for higher education is approved by the state legislature.

Shailla Aery, who will leave her education post next month for a similar job in Maryland, has recommended the elimination of 19 degree programs at seven state colleges and universities. She says the closure of Southern's two-year nursing program would result in a savings of \$103,491.

The College's nursing program is targeted because Crowder College in Neosho also offers an associate degree in nursing. Aery seeks to eliminate duplication of courses wherever possible.

Currently, 60 students are enrolled in Southern's associate of science degree program, while 40 students are participating in the bachelor of science completion program.

"I don't want to see this program dissolved," said Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing. "None of us want the department of nursing education to ever be removed from this campus."

Aery also recommends the closure of the two-year nursing program at Southeast Missouri State University and the bachelor's nursing program at Northeast Missouri State University.

According to Box, College President Julio Leon spoke to faculty at the administrative council meeting Tuesday and "reassured us and our program."

Leon believes the nursing program is an excellent one and that it would result in a loss to the community if were totally eliminated.

"I'm confident that our nursing program is very successful," Leon said. "The quality of a program is measured in part by the quality of graduates. It is well documented that our graduates do very well."

In the last examination for potential nurses, more than 52,000 students nationwide participated. Eighty-four percent passed with a mean score of 1942.9. Of the 35 Southern students who took the examination, 34 passed with an average score of 2049.5, more than 100 percentage points above the national average.

"This is usually the case every year," said Leon. "This program is meeting the state needs and is certainly a program that needs to continue."

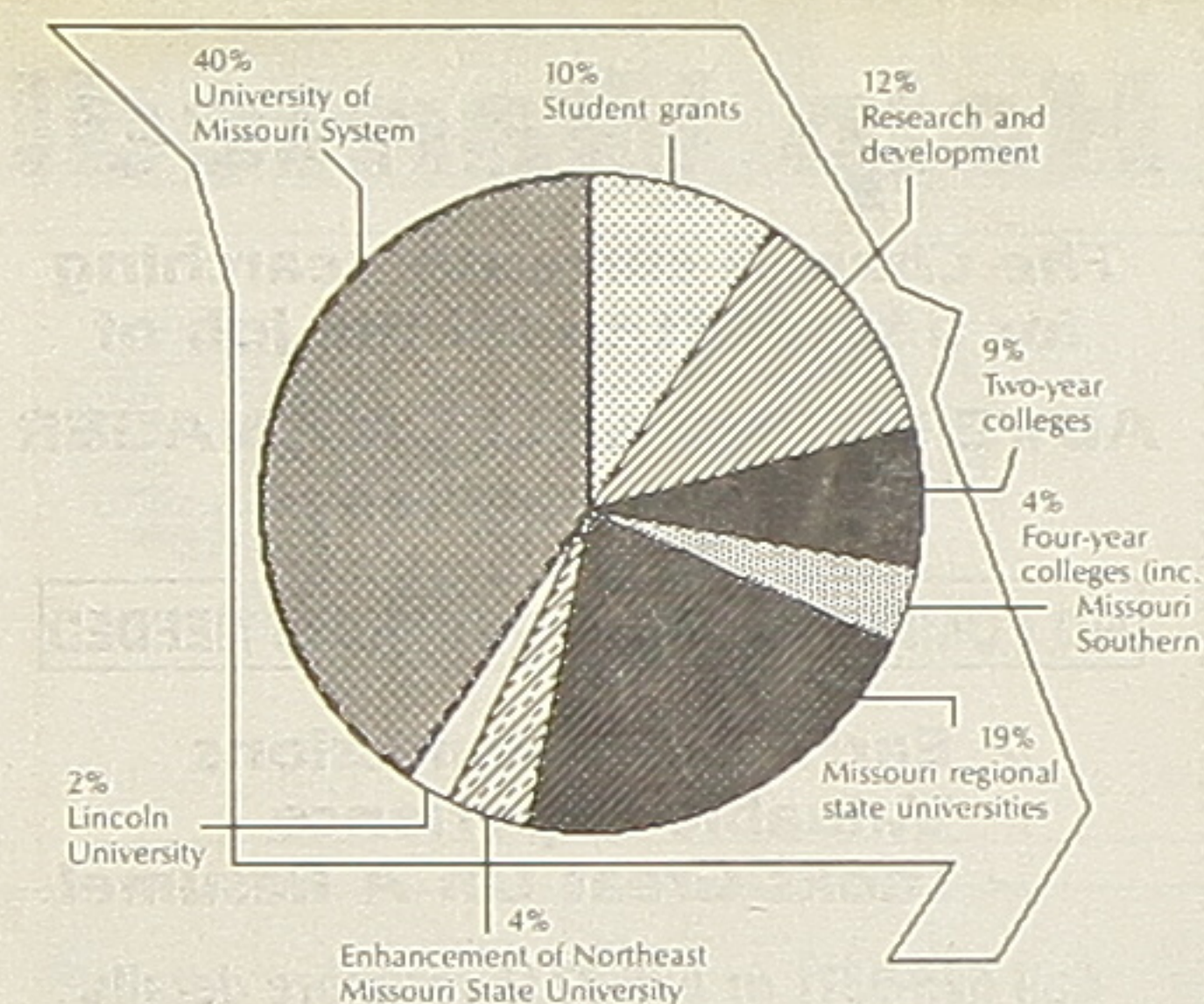
Southern could see the establishment of a four-year bachelor's degree program in the near future, according to Leon.

"That is the goal of the profession—a four-year degree program," he said. "We think that is eventually going to be the case in the future for Southern. Right now, we are in the planning process."

According to Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage), the two-year nursing program at Southern would be replaced by a bachelor's degree program.

"You won't lose your two-year program until you get a four-year program," said Webster. "You won't have to wait around any."

Projected higher education tax increase funding



This is the projected division of funds which would be created by a \$300 million tax increase bill for higher education in Missouri, as proposed by Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) and co-sponsored by Rep. James Barnes (D-Raytown).

Source: State Rep. James Barnes

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'The farm' for Aery

Jim McCarthy, executive vice president of Missouri Western State College (left), presented Shailla Aery, commissioner for higher education, a toy farm at Saturday's CBHE meeting in Jefferson City. Aery has recommended that Missouri Western's general agriculture program be eliminated to save money for higher education. McCarthy "gave Aery the farm."

Women's athletics awaits move from CSIC to MIAA

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
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While the transition from the CSIC to the MIAA will be a simple move for several sports within Missouri Southern's women's athletic department, there will be some distinct differences.

For women's basketball, the move will be much the same as the men's basketball transition with minimal variations. On the other hand, there will be some obvious changes for many of the other sports.

Head coach wants an assistant

A need for an assistant coach is what Janet Gabriel sees for the women's basketball program. Gabriel, head coach, said the lack of an assistant limits Southern's recruiting ability and range.

"I have student assistants and they do a good job, but they have classes to attend and can't make long recruiting trips," she said.

While football creates the most gate receipts for the men's programs, women's athletics rely on women's basketball for gate receipts.

"Still, nothing pays for itself," said Sallie Beard, women's athletic director. "We need the receipts and attendance, but it doesn't support itself."

Much like the MIAA men's basketball

structure, the Lady Lions and their conference opponents will be divided into divisions. Southern, along with Southeast Missouri, Pittsburg State, Southwest Baptist, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and the University of Missouri-Rolla, will create the Southern Division.

"We're going to be fine in the MIAA," Gabriel said. "It's tough beating Central Missouri State. This program isn't where it needs to be to beat a CMSU. But I think it will be."

The conference schedule is virtually identical to the men's, with women's tip-off times set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. As in the CSIC, the men will play the later game.

"The conference means something in the MIAA," Gabriel said. "With the conference champion getting an automatic bid [to the national tournament], it gives you more incentive."

Southern compares favorably with other MIAA schools when it comes to scholarships. Beard said the Lady Lions have 11 scholarships, with the NCAA allowing a maximum of 12.

"In the MIAA, many of the schools concentrate on a particular sport," said Ken Jones, MIAA commissioner. "If they want to do well in volleyball, then they usually offer more scholarships in that sport than in other sports."

Volleyball team hurt 'a little'

Southern will not be able to host a conference championship or tournament in volleyball with Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium as its current facility.

"It's one of those things you would love to do," said Debbie Traywick, head volleyball coach. "It's not a huge problem, but it does hurt us a little."

Southern's current facility has just enough room for two matches to be played simultaneously. However, the conference requires a minimum of three available courts.

While the Lady Lions will not have the benefit of a home-court advantage during tournament time, Traywick believes Southern can compete favorably in the conference.

"The MIAA is a lot like the CSIC when it comes to volleyball," she said. "I guess you would have to say that CMSU is the standout in the conference."

Southern has the benefit of eight scholarships in volleyball. Beard said that number puts the Lady Lions ahead of many of the other 11 conference schools which play volleyball.

Tennis team seeks players

Nine different schools, including Southern, participate in MIAA tennis.

The Lady Lions, who will be in just

their second year of competition since the program's resurrection, may suffer from a lack of players.

"As the newest sport, it's still in the process of growing," Beard said. "We're still looking for players."

"We're hoping we can generate enough interest."

Southern needs five players to have the minimum number for a team. Six players is considered a full squad.

"It looks very promising for next year," said Hartford Tunnell, head coach. "We have gone out and created a lot of interest."

"Hartford Tunnell has worked very hard with his recruiting," Beard said.

The Lady Lions will schedule matches on an individual basis rather than through tournaments. The season ends with a conference tournament.

Softball success may come soon

CMSU won the conference championship last year in MIAA softball. Southern defeated the MIAA champs twice in three meetings last season.

"Baseball and softball are similar in that we can compete with any of these teams," said Pat Lipira, head softball coach. "These teams are on our schedule

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Phon-A-Thon passes goal

Callers reach \$150,000 in next-to-last day of drive

With one day of fund-raising left, the Missouri Southern Foundation has surpassed its goal for the 1989 Phon-A-Thon. Calling ends today. The \$150,000 goal was reached at 8:30 p.m. yesterday. At the end of the evening, the money count stood at \$152,650.02.

Karen Bradshaw, who served as a co-captain yesterday, was pleased that the goal was reached.

"It was real exciting," said Bradshaw, instructor of business. "But it wasn't as if we were solely responsible. Every night there was a hard-working group of volunteers. But our group was real excited."

Twelve members of Phi Beta Lambda, a business organization, were on hand to make calls yesterday.

"The students had a lot of fun," said Bradshaw.

According to Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, all the volunteers in this year's fund-raising drive have played an integral part.

"Without the help of the students, the faculty, and others that have been involved, the Phon-A-Thon would not have happened," she said. "We are just extremely pleased with the response we have received."

"We have always been optimistic. With all the enthusiasm around here, it is hard to get down."

Kreta Gladden, director of the Alumni Association, agreed with Billingsly that volunteers are the key to success.

"The volunteers want to be here; they want to help," said Gladden. "They have gone beyond the call of duty."

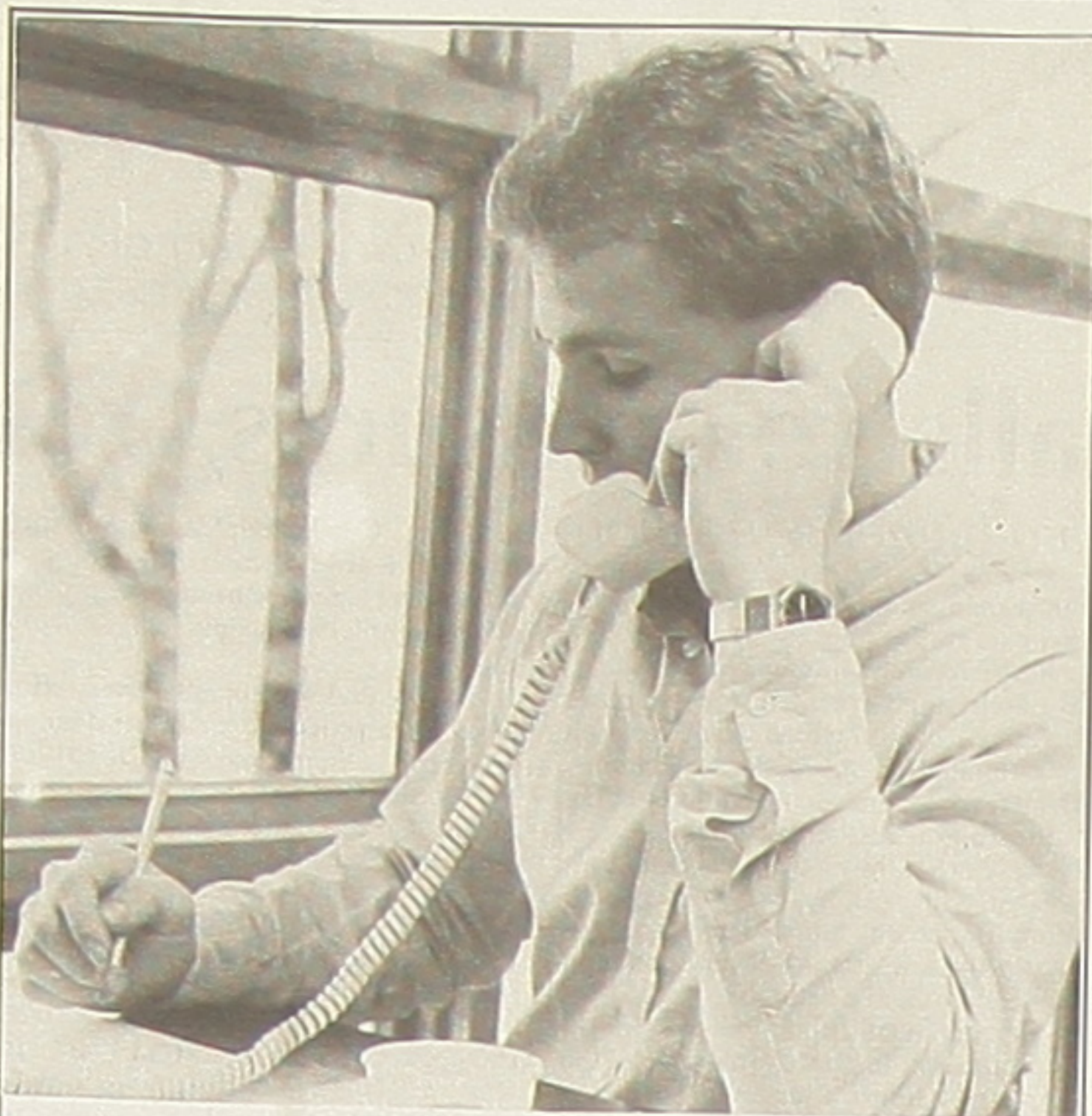
"We just wouldn't have a Phon-A-Thon without the callers. They have been working very hard."

Gladden said weather problems over the last week did not hinder fund-raising efforts.

"It may have helped us," she said. "With everyone staying at home because of the cold temperatures and ice, we were able to get hold of possible donors. It turned in our favor."

One idea tried during this year's Phon-A-Thon was a system of calling where volunteers were able to contact donors who graduated with the same major.

"Next year, we'll try to allow the callers to contact more donors in their major of study," Gladden said. "Students like to talk to people with whom they have something in common with."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Caller Bryce McDermott pitches in some of his time to raise funds for the Missouri Southern Foundation's 1989 Phon-A-Thon. The theme is "Perfect Balance."

Report tops Senate agenda

A report from Student Senate President Robert Stokes topped the agenda at last night's meeting of that body.

Stokes read from two letters during his president's report. The Senate received a letter of appreciation for its help with the Phon-A-Thon.

Also received was a letter from Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history and adviser to the Social Sciences Club, which thanked the Senate for its appropriation of \$806.50. This appropriation will allow 12 students to attend the Model United Nations conference in St. Louis.

Also approved at the meeting was \$352 to the International Reading Association to attend a conference. This resolution passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Considered at a recent Senate meeting was a poll of Missouri Southern students asking them to give their response as to what should be done with leftover funds at the end of the academic year. According to Tina Miene, co-chair of the polling committee, conducting the poll will be postponed until after the general Student Senate election.

Announced at the meeting was an impending visit by College President Julio Leon. According to Stokes, Leon will discuss the Senate's upcoming trip to Jefferson City to host a luncheon for state officials and the state of affairs at the College.

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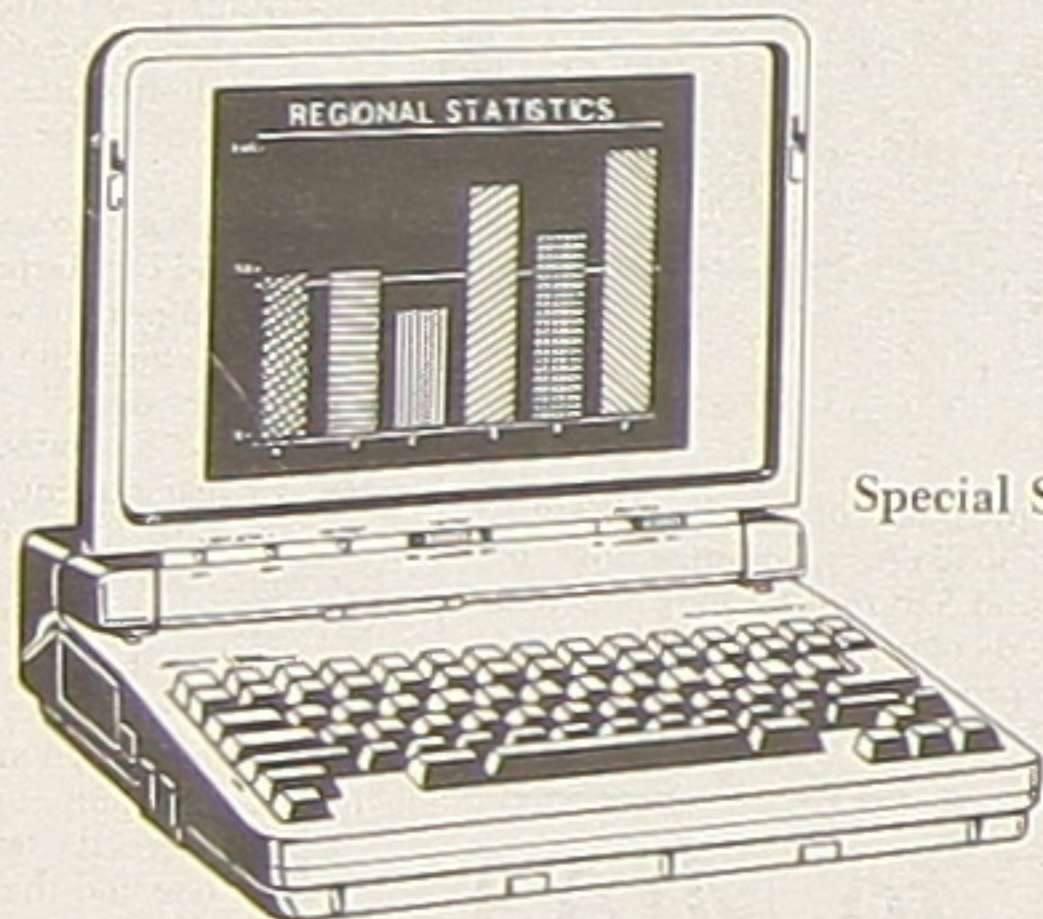
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Week to signify financial aid

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

In order to increase the public's awareness of financial aid, Gov. John Ashcroft has named the week of Feb. 20-25 as "Financial Aid Awareness Week."

"The Governor arranged this to let people know now is the time to begin filling out their applications and collecting income information," said Jim Gilbert, financial aid director at Missouri Southern. According to Gilbert, next week will be the culmination of 40 to 50 financial aid workshops held throughout the year.

"The College schedules these workshops to encourage parents and students to realize their options in obtaining funds for higher education," he said.

There is \$30 billion available in financial aid throughout the United States. Gilbert said all of the funding is used every year.

Eighty percent of the U.S. population has an income of \$40,000 or less. Gilbert said financial aid was established for low-income and medium-income families. He said 1,800 students at Southern receive Pell Grants. Gilbert said the average Pell Grant at Southern is \$1,400.

"The average tuition is \$1,000, so the student really comes out ahead," he said.

Gilbert will conduct seminars at the high schools in Monett, Verona, and Aurora during the next two weeks.

"I am trying to expose high school students to early preparation, such as taking the SAT or ACT during the junior year to determine difficulties," he said.

According to Gilbert, the basic premise of financial aid is parental contribution. He said financial aid is a privilege and not necessarily a right.

"I think the proclamation is good timing for public awareness," said Gilbert.

The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1. The deadline for family financial statements is April 30.



STAFF PHOTO BY CARNE PETERSON

Perfect beat

Mike Banks, a freshman music major, said he was just "goofing around" on Monday as he practiced the drums for "The Entertainer" in the music room. Banks is a percussion player of the Lion Pride Band.

Panelists to discuss ways of solving waste hazards

Presentation to be held at Southern tonight

BY ANITA NORTON
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to solve solid waste disposal problems, a panel discussion will be presented at 7 tonight in Room 232 of Reynolds Hall.

The presentation, open to the public, is sponsored by Missouri Southern, Crowder College, the Midwest Assistance Program, and the Household Hazardous Waste Project of Southwest Missouri State University.

The panelists will discuss ways individuals, businesses, and communities can work together to help solve the problems facing area landfills.

Speakers on the panel include: Lorene Boyd, Crowder College, speaking on the magnitude of statewide solid waste disposal issues; Jeanne Heuser, director of Reclaim Associates in Springfield, on the status of solid waste planning in southwest Missouri; Harry Rogers, Mayor of Carthage and chairman of the regional solid waste study group which includes communities in Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald counties, speaking on solid waste disposal problems facing municipalities; Steve Burdick, materials recovery coordinator for the City of Springfield, on recycling and composting; and Marie Steinwachs, assistant director of the Household Hazardous Waste Project, on how individuals can properly use and safely dispose of hazardous products used daily in the home.

The Household Hazardous Waste Project is a pilot program for 23 counties in southwest Missouri, partially funded by Missouri's Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority. The program promotes individual health and educates the public on how to protect its environment by the proper use, storage, and

disposal of common household chemicals.

"Public awareness is the key to the program," said Dr. F. Wayne Adams, associate professor of biology, who is serving as a host at tonight's meeting.

He said the Household Hazardous Waste Project, established in 1987 at SMSU, has a year-round program of providing educational material to the public on waste disposal. An example is the Fall Clean-up Checklist, which gives information on the disposal of typical household chemicals found in the home from the garage to the garden. A recycling list is available on where individuals can take items such as dead batteries (including batteries from watches, flashlights, cameras, etc.), used transmission oil, motor oil, and paint, as well as other leftover products thrown out as waste.

Adams said the public needs to be aware of what it can do to protect itself.

"For instance," he said, "the mercury in a battery can seep out into the soil as it erodes, and we know what mercury poisoning does."

Adams said "there may be some things that will affect costs of implementing the program locally. But we're paying the costs now by having to put liners in the landfills at \$40,000 per acre."

According to Adams, a possibility for those who become involved in the Household Hazardous Waste Project might be reduced garbage collection fees, while non-participants might face having to pay a higher fee in the fight to protect the environment from hazardous waste. However, he points out that this is just a possibility.

All people interested in the environment, as well as their own health, are encouraged to attend tonight's meeting. Following the panel discussion, questions will be taken from the audience.

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College should count blessings

Breathe a sigh of relief, Missouri Southern. You came out almost unscathed in Shaila Aery's recommendations regarding program closures and governing changes in Missouri higher education.

As Sen. Richard Webster puts it, "If you analyze the whole picture, including what other institutions are losing, Missouri Southern came out better than any other college in the state."

You ask how this can be the case, after Aery recommended that Southern's two-year nursing program be among the 19 programs closed. True, that program will most likely cease to exist within the next few years. The program does duplicate the one offered by Crowder College, only 30 miles away. But when Southern's two-year nursing program ends, the College most likely will receive a brand-new, four-year nursing program in its place.

"You don't look at losing a two-year course when you can replace it with a four-year course," points out Webster, who always makes sure Southern is treated more than fairly when it comes to state appropriations and program approvals.

If and when the two-year program closes, students currently enrolled would have at least a year to complete their studies. No one would be left in the cold.

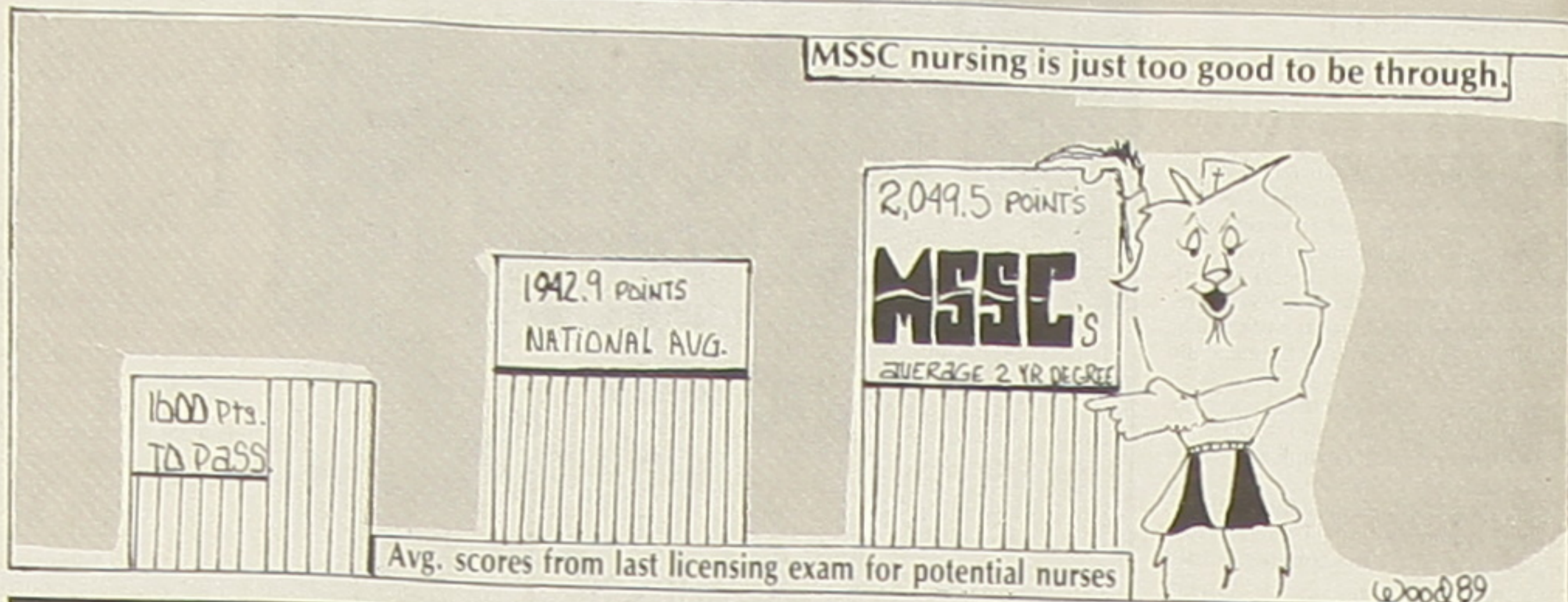
Southern's nursing program is too strong and valuable to close. Nursing students from the College pass the licensing examination at a 97 percent rate, with scores well above the national average. Southern is even featuring the program in its current advertising campaign.

Taking into account this quality, coupled with the current nursing shortage, you realize the state would never totally eliminate Southern's program.

Another of Aery's recommendations could result in Southern becoming a campus within the Missouri State University system, which doesn't even exist at this point. The only negative part of this move is that the College would probably lose its own Board of Regents and be governed by one general board. But on the plus side, Webster says graduate programs at Southern are only "a couple of years" away.

If you want to feel sorry for someone, look at Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State University. Aery has suggested that their administrative units be merged into a single unit within the Missouri State University system. Of course, it's no secret that she thinks Northwest should completely shut its doors.

Southern, count your blessings. You have fared well in Aery's recommendations. Remember, too, that the recommendations were deserved.



'The man who let our future down'

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

John Ashcroft, you received my vote in the November election, and I am still banging my head against the wall trying to figure out why. Plain and simple, your lack of insight into the needs of higher education is helping to reinforce the notion that America is producing an inferior product.

Last month, you declined to recommend this College's request for a sorely needed social sciences and communications building in the name of monetary savings. In case you hadn't noticed, Missouri Southern is the fastest-growing institution in this state. However, you seem intent on stunting that growth by supplanting it with budget recommendations that, for all practical purposes, add up to nothing more than bird feed.

I am not selfish, however. Institutions across the state are feeling the sting of your stern refusal to help us out. Because you cannot hear our cries, these are just some of items recommended by your commissioner for higher education:

- the elimination of agriculture programs at Missouri Western, Southwest Missouri State, and



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Lincoln University;

- the elimination of the industrial science program at Northeast Missouri State University;

- the elimination of two-year nursing programs at Southeast Missouri State, Northeast Missouri State, and Missouri Southern.

Believe me, Governor. Shaila Aery is not to blame for what she is trying to do. She is trying to clean the mess you left on the rug. What is Aery supposed to do with a budget that is peanuts? Aery has improvised. It seems that she has devised a system of reallocation that has infuriated some, and made others cheer. One thing is certain: she is doing her job extremely well considering your tunnel vision of what it takes to make higher education work in Missouri.

If it should sound like I am nothing but sour grapes here, you are hitting the nail on the head. In the past, editorials have bickered as to who should get what piece of the pie when it came to funding from the General Assembly. The MU system pleaded its case, saying it should receive the most funds. We countered, saying that being the largest does not always justify receiving what would amount to a very unfair share of the loot from the General Assembly. But you have managed to put us on the same side of the fence this time, and it is killing us both.

All right. No more complaining. It is time for some concrete solutions. Do you have any, Governor? I didn't think so. I'll help you out.

Forgive my simpleton approach to the broadening problem of higher education, but this is what I offer. GIVE US WHAT WE WANT. Southern is growing at such a rapid pace that the only way to accommodate that growth is through the expansion of the campus. This means new buildings, more and better faculty, which means more money. You can drum it up. Dare I say it is time to forget the rhetoric of your minimal-taxes campaign platform and address the needs we have as students of higher education. It was Rep. Karen McCarthy (D-Kansas City) who said that if Missouri citizens realize just what their money is being used for, and that use is a justified one, they will support a tax increase. Swallow your pride, Governor.

For those who are at your side saying that this is the thinking of a typical "Democrat" asking for more money through taxes, you should tell them differently. I don't consider myself a Democrat, Republican, liberal, or conservative. Mindless political labels are misleading and will only get you into trouble. However, folks tell me that we must all call ourselves something. It is what makes our political system work, they say. So be it. But believe me, if you fail us this time, I'll see to it that everybody in this state calls you "The man who let our future down."

Teaching aims to develop thinking

BY DR. LARRY MARTIN
DEPARTMENT HEAD OF OF MATHEMATICS

Once a father was buying valentines for his third grade daughter to give to her school friends. He selected twelve cards and took them to a cashier's island. The cashier asked the price and he responded "three for five cents." After fumbling around a bit, the cashier explained that she did not usually work in that department and asked where the father had gotten the valentines. A trip to the card rack verified that the cards were, as reported, "three for five cents." She reached under the counter and pulled out a sheet of paper. A few pencil scratches resulted in "You can't do it that way." By then she had counted the valentines at least three times, each time getting the same result. There were still twelve. And they were still "three for five cents." Finally, eureka! She counted three cards and rang five cents on the register, then repeated the process until all twelve cards were counted. She heaved a great sigh of relief and satisfaction. The father just sighed!

Let's analyze the cashier's difficulty. Couldn't she divide twelve by four? I believe she could. Didn't



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she know that four times five equals twenty? I believe she did. So why the difficulty? The difficulty arose because she did not recognize the opportunity to apply specific knowledge which I am assuming she did possess.

This is an extreme example, I know. But perhaps it can prompt us to consider our learning goals. The new General Education Program at Missouri Southern lists problem-solving as a goal across the curriculum. For a problem to exist there must be a question to be answered with no clear path to the answer. If the path is known there is not a problem, just an exercise. Finding the path or constructing it is problem solving. Following the path is carrying out an exercise. Too often we desire that our formal education consist of learning how to follow clearly identified paths rather than of learning how to find them. For instance, do you believe an exam should always contain only questions explicitly answered previously in class or in the text? I don't. Good teaching aims to develop relational thinking, transfer, and generalization skills. Specific declarative knowledge is important. But, unless its domain of application is narrowly defined, it is the means not the ends. Application of our learning is life-long and occurs in a wide array of unforeseen but relevant situations. How could all applications be anticipated? How could they be taught?

How could they be learned?

Often when I am helping a class prepare for a test, I ask whether a statement is sometimes, always or never true. My objectives are that students practice some relational thinking, search the domain of application of a concept or generalization and organize their knowledge to become more effective problem-solvers and critical thinkers. Students can become caught up in the writing down of each question and answer, as if the objective is to learn one more fact. But the point is there may be hundreds more such questions possible. We must become productive instead of reproductive thinkers.

There is a cartoon on the door of one of our mathematics faculty members. The caption reads "Hell's Library." Pictured are rows and rows of volumes with titles like *More Work Problems* and *Word Problems Galore*. The cashier with the valentine problem would probably agree with the cartoonist's opinion of word problems. But, when you think about it, that's the way most problems come, whether in mathematics or in history. Never, outside of a school setting, has anyone brought me a list of linear equations to solve. But I have solved hundreds of them in the process of solving other problems.

By the way, the father in the opening story did not anticipate the difficulty he caused the cashier. If he had, he would not have selected twelve valentines. He would have selected thirteen.

I think the ACT COMP test requirement is unethical

The following letter (edited [by the author] to save space in *The Chart*) was recently sent to all the members of the Board of Regents. I feel very strongly about this and would like to encourage other seniors, especially those in psychology or related fields, to write your own letter or fill in your tests as suggested. You can obtain the names and addresses of the board by calling the school and asking or by contacting me.

Robert A. Higgins, President
Board of Regents, MSSC
48 Briarwood Drive
Joplin, Missouri 64801

Dear Sir:

I do not wish to participate in the ACT COMP that the Board of Regents approved last May as a requirement for graduation. I protest this requirement on the grounds that it is unethical. The test is not designed to be of any benefit to me yet I am expected to find three hours of my time in which to take it. I have classes during both time periods allotted

on Friday the 24th of February and my work on Saturday the 25th precludes my returning to Joplin even if I wanted to. Besides, I have worked hard to earn my degree and it should be mine simply because I've earned it, not because I have participated in some extra service to the college. These, however, are not the reasons that make me believe this requirement is unethical.

The June, 1981 issue of *American Psychologist* [an American Psychological Association (APA) journal] carried "Ethical Principles of Psychologists" which are the standards by which all APA members, psychology students and people engaged in psychological research are expected to abide. While you are not therefore obligated to follow these guidelines, I think it is fair to say that the Education Testing Service is bound. This test is really a survey that benefits them and MSSC. Principle 10.f. states:

"The investigator respects the individual's freedom to decline to participate in or to withdraw from the research at any time. The obligation to protect this freedom requires careful

thought and consideration when the investigator is in a position of authority or influence over the participant. Such positions of authority include, but are not limited to, situations in which research participation is required as part of employment or in which the participant is a student, client, or employee of the investigator."

As a student, I protest being forced, as a psychology student I can claim to be bound by these rules such that in good conscience I could not participate in something that was not approved under APA guidelines or was obviously universally unethical or wasn't scientifically sound. To require graduates to take this test will yield unscientific results. A person under coercion is likely to respond differently. The pressures of a final semester are enough without worrying about another test to take. If forced, I and my friends will simply fill in the same letter code for every answer so that we can be done more quickly. I am sure

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Council will investigate Joplin postal problems

Post office official does not object to resolution

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Missouri's Postmaster General may soon investigate the handling of mail at Joplin's main post office, due to a resolution co-authored by Joplin City Council members Bill Seearce and Bernie Johnson.

"One of the problems with the postal service is that Joplin is the fourth largest metropolitan area in Missouri, and it doesn't have its own postmark," said Johnson, also an assistant professor of business at Missouri Southern. "Having our own postmark is critical to attracting business and industry in the community."

"I think the city is large enough to have its own postmark," State Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) told *The Chart*. "How does it look for us not to have a postmark? If the mail is going to be processed at Springfield, then it should be a southwest Missouri postmark."

"My understanding of postal regulations is that the move [to process Joplin's first-class mail in Springfield] was to improve efficiency," he said. "That is what they [postal officials] told the Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting the Chamber held last December. But apparently, the system is not more efficient. I have had a lot of calls coming into my office concerning the change, and, at a rate of 100 to one, people are telling me that they are not happy with the service. I had one businessman tell me that it took several days for a letter to get to Galena, Kan. That is a 14-mile trip."

Surface has asked U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) to become involved in the investigation. However, he said he has yet to hear anything from the Hancock.

Carl Weaver, officer in charge of the Joplin Main Street post office and director of city postal operations in Springfield, said the Joplin office did not have any objection to the resolution.

"Having their thoughts and complaints made known to the Postmaster General is the right of citizens and customers," he said.

According to Weaver, service at the operation has not declined, but improved after moving the processing of first-class mail to Springfield.

"I feel service has improved and will continue to improve. The mail we ship to Springfield in the afternoon gets back to Joplin by 5:40 the next morning. This gives us time to sort the mail and distribute it to box customers and our carriers," Weaver said.

Surface believes the office will not have an adequate amount of time to sort each day's mail.

"You've got business people coming in after their mail from seven o'clock on," said Surface. "It is ludicrous to think the mail could be sorted by seven."

According to Weaver, many people desire a Joplin postmark on their mail, particularly if the mail is to be delivered in Joplin.

"When a town has their postmark on outgoing mail, it identifies the community to the rest of the world," Weaver said. "People are still able to get a Joplin postmark if they want one. The local post office boxes have it, and if people use the drop slots in the main lobby, the mail will have the Joplin postmark."

Postal officials made the move to speed up the processing of mail. The Springfield location has faster postal equipment.

According to Weaver, no full-time postal employees have lost their jobs due to the move, although some workers' hours have been reduced.

"We felt that this was something which would have to happen," he said. "Overall, the postal employees are doing a very good job of getting the mail through."

The resolution to investigate the post office was approved by a 9-0 vote of the City Council at its regular meeting Feb. 6.

Gas company will be more efficient

BY MARK R. MULIK
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With the installation of a new, \$3 million turbine unit, the Williams Natural Gas Co. station at Saginaw would be able to compress more natural gas than it could with 11 of its current "obsolete" units.

"Prior to the construction down there, there were 13 compressor units with a combined horsepower of 5,710," said Ken Bengston, district superintendent for Williams, who supervises activities at the Saginaw station. "The purpose of the construction is to replace 11 obsolete units, the oldest of which

your car—only on a much bigger scale," with pistons working to compress the natural gas.

"Later this spring, there will be some additional automation construction for the two remaining units," said Bengston, "which will basically allow us to operate the station through communication systems from Tulsa (where the company is headquartered). It will be all automated after the spring."

The two remaining compressor units, installed in 1965 and 1968, have horsepower capacities of nearly 1,500 and 2,000, respectively. Bengston said these two units, plus the new one, would have a combined horsepower of 7,850, as opposed to the 5,710 the station had without the new unit.

The new unit has an 18-foot "muffler" on it to "keep environmental noise to an absolute minimum," said Bengston.

Presently, the other 11 compressor units are not in use. Bengston said once the new unit is running, the "antiques" would be scrapped, with the building that houses them possibly being used for warehouse space.

The construction project on the station located at the intersection of Shoal Creek Road and U.S. 71, began in late October, according to Jack Kincade, chief inspector on the project. Its completion is anticipated by late February.

"It would have been easier if we were starting from scratch," said Kincade.

According to Kincade, upon locating existing underground pipes and cables that may have been placed there when the plant was constructed in the late 1920s or may have been placed there sometime later, the construction crew, from Flint Engineering, of Odessa, Texas, would have unanticipated problems to deal with.

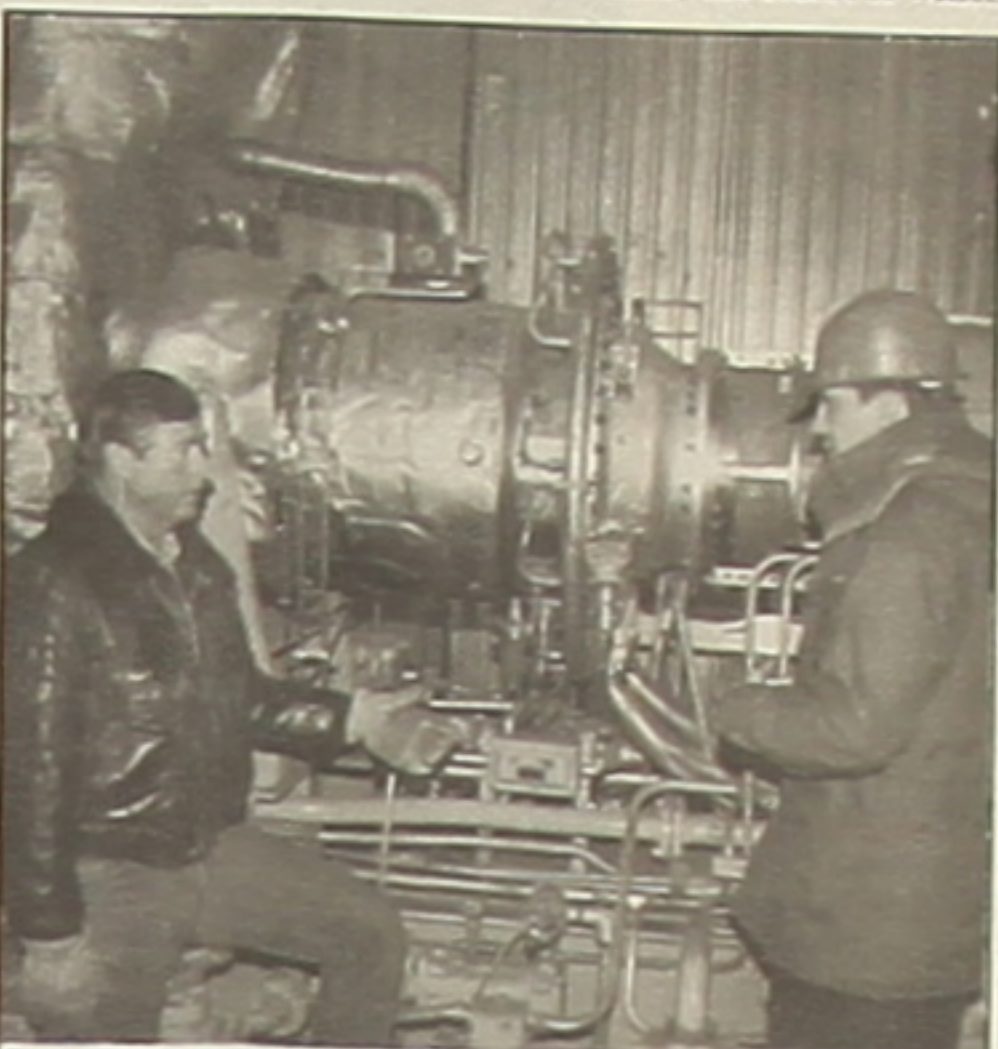
He said the crew also had to build a five-foot grade onto the existing landscape, to provide for the placement of the new unit and the pipes running into and out of the unit.

According to Bengston, the cold weather has had "an impact" on the project. But despite the wintry precipitation and below-freezing temperatures of the past week, the construction crew is continuing to work toward the project's completion.

"Basically, we're a natural gas transmission company. Our business is to transport natural gas from the gas-producing field to the consumer. The station you see down there (at Saginaw) is kind of the typical compression station we operate."

As a supplier of natural gas, the company either transmits gas owned by others or by itself to gas distributors, such as KPL Gas Service, which is Joplin's main natural gas distributor.

According to Bengston, Williams Natural Gas Co. serves approximately 500 communities in Kansas, Oklahoma, and the western side of Missouri, and is the principal natural gas supplier for Kansas City.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK R. MULIK

Jack Kincade (left), chief inspector on a project at Williams Natural Gas Co., describes the workings of the gas company's new, \$3 million turbine compressor to Ken Bengston, district superintendent for Williams.

have operated since 1929—to modernize the facility and replace the older compressors with a modern, more efficient compressor. We'll replace the 11 with one new turbine unit with 4,500 horsepower.

"It (the turbine unit) is like a stationary jet engine—only we use it to drive a centrifugal gas compressor," said Bengston. He said the older compressors use "the same principles as

Citizens group protests proposed landfill

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

In an attempt to provide a safer environment for everyone in the area, a citizens group has formed in the Joplin area to protest a proposed landfill site.

The group, Citizens for Environmental Safety, is attempting to put pressure on lawmakers to take action on the problem of solid waste disposal. The group met Jan. 30 to discuss ways of protesting the proposed landfill site, which was to be placed two to three miles east of Purcell, Mo. The southwest corner of the site is near the intersection of Cossville Road and M highway.

"We're attempting to provide for a safer environment by pressing our leaders to make more responsible decisions concerning the environment," said Dr. Robert Steere, professor of education at Missouri Southern and head of the group's education committee.

According to Steere, providing a safer environment includes taking into account the welfare of all citizens within a com-

munity. Thompson has studied the feasibility of the landfill site, and, according to Heger, has found several problems with the landfill.

"Mr. Thompson said the site sits on the water table and lacks an adequate amount of shale," she said.

Dr. Wayne Adams, associate professor of biology at Southern, spoke at the Jan. 30 meeting and discussed what members could do to protest the proposed landfill. Adams said the residents could not do much more than they were already doing, which includes forming the group, keeping members informed with a newsletter, and starting a letter-writing campaign to legislators, describing their concerns with the landfill.

"I think it's absolutely essential for this group to get the facts down," Adams said. "If you run into someone who doesn't agree with you, you'll at least have some facts to back you up. For instance, if you are in a court of law, you will have to back up what you say; you can't go in there with a gut feeling."

Adams also asked members of the

the landfill problem include recycling and source reduction techniques, such as the elimination of non-biodegradable wastes found in foam and plastics that take years to decay.

Said Steere, "Another example of something that would be beneficial is sorting the waste, such as a person does in recycling. In 100,000 tons of waste, there is enough wood pulp to make a roll of toilet paper that would wrap around the world 10 times."

Area landfills handle approximately 280,000 tons annually.

Also among the organization's concerns is the composting of waste. Composting involves placing biodegradable waste such as leaves, lawn clippings, and food in a bin, adding water, and letting the waste break down into mulching material, which could then be used to enrich the soil of lawns and gardens.

"There's a place in Orlando, Fla., where most of the garbage is sorted for recycling," said Steere. "Most of what is remaining can then be used for compost, which can be reused and returned to the soil. We could do that here."

Steere said landfill operators do not employ the practice of composting and recycling as it is not profitable for them.

"Naturally, most people who are going to go into this business are people who want to make money," he said. "Therefore, if cities are going to allow others to handle their waste, they have to have a moral obligation to stipulate or maybe impose restrictions on how they operate the landfill. Otherwise, the operators are going to take the shortest, easiest path."

According to Steere, the group has discussed the landfill problem with area lawmakers, and it was met with apathy. "Just recently, I talked with area politicians who said landfills were not their problem," said Steere. "That's what they say now, but they have an obligation to make it their problem and restrict those waste disposers."

Several local city officials have discussed the possibility of having an incinerator play a major role in the eradication of the overflowing landfill problem. However, Steere sees some problems with this concept.

"Some people believe that incinerators are the answer to our landfill problem," he said. "And they may play a small role, but they end up polluting the air and throwing particles out into the environment, even if scrubbers were added to their smokestacks."

"Cities could do a lot of things to help with the landfill problems, if they have leaders who have a sense of responsibility for tomorrow's environment," Steere said.



New restaurant

The Santa Fe House in Joplin is caters to people seeking foods with a southwestern flavor. A wide variety of drinks is also available at the restaurant.

Santa Fe House provides for lovers of southwestern food

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

An interest in backpacking and a taste for southwestern cuisine are two reasons why Larry Goode and his friend Rick Neal decided to go into the restaurant business.

Santa Fe House, a southwestern food restaurant whose building resembles an adobe hacienda, is located at 2525 Range-line in Joplin.

It opened in January, but grand opening ceremonies began last Friday and will continue through Sunday.

"We backpacked every year in the southwest, and on the trips we ate traditional southwestern foods," said Goode, also an associate professor of business at Missouri Southern. "A friend of ours lives in New Mexico and was always taking us out for traditional cuisine. One day we finally said, 'Joplin needs something like this.' So we brought traditional southwestern foods back (with us) and started our own restaurant."

Traditional southwestern cuisine includes the serving of chili peppers with nearly every meal.

"In the southwest, restaurant workers always ask you whether you want red chilies or green ones, even with breakfast," Goode said. "Traditional southwestern food uses more chilies, and a lot more spices. It also uses a lot of hickory-grilled foods."

Santa Fe House features such house specialties as chicken pueblo and salmon painted desert. Chicken pueblo is pre-

pared with marinated chicken breast sautéed to a golden brown, and topped with a creamy white sauce with red chili peppers. Salmon painted desert is a salmon filet, served on a bed of shallot sauce with green sorrel and red chili "Indian paint." These dishes are served with either soup or salad and jalepeno cornbread.

"One of our signature dishes is black beans," said Goode. "I think we are the only restaurant in the four states which has them."

"We serve a different type of food. For some it may be too spicy. For others, it may not be spicy enough."

Other menu items for adults include steak, such as steak and rellenos. The dish is prepared with two stuffed chilies topped with green chili sauce and a six-ounce top sirloin. Also featured is a steak and seafood combination, which includes a half-dozen shrimp served on a bed of rice, with a six-ounce top sirloin. In addition, the eatery offers native New Mexican entrees, such as an enchilada plate and a huevos rancheros plate. The huevos (eggs) rancheros plate consists of two eggs cooked over easy and served on a corn tortilla, with either red or green chilies, ranch beans, and rice. These meals are also served with a choice of soup or salad and jalepeno cornbread.

According to Goode, quality and consistency of the menu equals satisfied customers in the restaurant business.

"If the food is presented to the customer in the right manner, they'll leave happy," he said.

"Just recently, I talked with area politicians who said landfills were not their problem."

—Dr. Robert Steere, professor of education at Southern

munity: Dixie Peterson, a resident of Purcell, has a disease which causes her to become violently ill if exposed to chemicals, including household cleaning products, detergents, colognes, and perfumes. The illness prohibits Peterson from attending most social functions. However, the local church has installed a public address system, with a speaker outside, so she can hear the service. According to one of Peterson's physicians, Dixie and her husband, Bob, would have to leave the community if a landfill were relocated to the Purcell area, because of increased health risks.

"Dixie has been told by one of her doctors that if this landfill application is approved, that they (the Petersons) will have to leave the area," said Charimonde Heger, chairperson of Citizens for Environmental Safety. "They'll have to leave a farm which has been in Bob's family for over 100 years."

"Dixie's doctor has written a letter to that effect and will allow her to go to the hearing, under oxygen, and present the letter."

According to Heger, the group has employed the services of Kenneth Thompson, a geologist and head of the geology department at Southwest Missouri State

group to consider what they would do if the landfill was to go through. He told those attending to get as much political leverage as they could.

"This issue has much greater implications than this community," said Adams. "This is the first of many, and you people are bearing the brunt of it. I'm really a cheerleader for you."

Steere said landfills are becoming more of a thing of the past. But this does not necessarily mean the people of the area will not need landfills, he said, because a small amount of garbage will still have to be buried in the soil. Steere mentioned several resource recovery techniques, including recycling, as factors in reducing the amount of solid waste which would end up in a landfill.

"We moved from the era of the horse and buggy, and now we need to do the same with waste disposal," he said. "This is not to say that there will not be some that we'll have to bury, but very little will have to be buried if we improve other solutions."

In a recent telephone survey by Cosulich and Associates, 88 percent of people surveyed in the Joplin area favor separating their garbage for the purpose of recycling. According to Steere, solutions of

Placement office offers on-campus interviews

Southern is 'about average' in placement ratings

BY BOBBIE SEVERS
STAFF WRITER

With nine interviews scheduled during February, the office of career planning and placement is hoping that number will increase each semester.

"There were slightly more interviews this semester," said Nancy Disharoon, director of planning and placement. "It was not a significant increase, but we hope to keep increasing that number every year."

employees from Southern. However, the long-range plans are to attract employers from Kansas City, St. Louis, and Tulsa.

"Before we do a major recruiting effort, we need to be able to fill every interview," said Disharoon. "If I were to go out and make a big sales pitch now to bring in employers from those areas, and they did not like what they saw, they would never be back."

The placement office has launched a new program called "Bag a Career." This is a program designed to assist students in obtaining information on career oppor-

"If I were to go out and make a big sales pitch now to bring in employers from those areas, and they did not like what they saw, they would never be back."

—Nancy Disharoon, director of planning and placement

Missouri Southern has brought in businesses such as Meeks Building Centers, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Colgate-Palmolive to conduct on-campus interviews with prospective employees.

"A lot of the businesses seek students majoring in management and accounting," said Disharoon.

According to Disharoon, Southern is "about average" in placement ratings.

"It is good if you can keep up with the average," she said.

Mostly local businesses recruit

tunities and to help recruiters get additional exposure when recruiting on campus.

"The program lets students get together with recruiters in an informal setting to ask questions about what it is the company is looking for," said Disharoon.

The office of career planning and placement helps students on an individual basis as well.

"We have a lot of students that take advantage of all we offer."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Sweetheart dance

Missouri Southern students Susan Masur and Michael Garoutte share a dance during the Residence Hall Association's Valentine's dance Tuesday night in the Billingsly Student Center.

Honors club gives students opportunity to become involved

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

While the group is technically a "fraternity," Dr. Lanny Ackiss likes to think of Sigma Mu Epsilon as a "club."

"I like to think of the organization as a club, not a fraternity," said Ackiss, honors program director at Missouri Southern. "The word fraternity sometimes has negative connotations attached to it."

Ackiss said the group gives students a chance to become more involved in campus events.

"The club provides a chance for the honor students to get together and get to know each other," he said. "It is a nice way for the students to have fun."

Sam Ellis, group president, said the

honors program provides a strong academic environment and the club is a social outlet for the members.

"The members of the honors program need time to relax and have fun and the club is the perfect method for us to socialize together," he said.

Ackiss said any student in the honors program is eligible to join Sigma Mu Epsilon. He said the only requirement is to attend the meetings and pay an annual \$5 membership fee.

"The honors program admits 30 to 35 students a year," Ackiss said. "Currently, there are 92 students enrolled in the program. We encourage all the honors students to participate in the club."

The club sponsors social events including parties and picnics for the members. The club also meets on a monthly basis.

"The club is also becoming more involved in assisting the College in fund-raisers and other projects," said Ackiss.

The next event the club will participate in is the Student Senate rummage sale to benefit the United Way on April 15. In addition to collecting goods, club members will work the sale.

"I think this is a good measure for the club," Ackiss said. "It shows the club is interested in supporting the College and its endeavors."

Perhaps the highlight of the year for the club is the Honors Colloquium. This is held several times a year. The club members assemble to discuss various topics and examine solutions to societal problems.

"Right now the colloquium is conducted on a voluntary basis," said Betty Israel, associate director of the honors

program. "However, we are discussing prospects and procedures for making participation in the colloquiums required for all honors students."

Israel said the colloquium provides stimulus for enrichment to all those active in the program.

"This event allows the students to discuss important facts pertaining to society and its problems," she said. "The students call on any number of resources to produce topics for the colloquiums."

"We discuss important issues of society such as the problems in Saudi Arabia or artificial insemination," said Ellis.

He said in the future an hour of credit in the honors program will be earned by those participating in the colloquium.

"We hope this move will encourage more honors students to participate in the colloquiums," said Ellis.

Ackiss is trying to plan more social events for the club. He would like to have a float trip the weekend before school starts in the fall.

"The freshmen students would have the chance to get to know the other members before the school year starts," he said.

Ackiss said he would like to see the honors program continue to grow and become a bigger part of the College.

"We will continue to provide a sense of commitment among the honor students," he said. "The program will work hard to support the College."

"We all would like to work more for the College," said Ellis. "The College gives a lot to the honors program in the form of scholarships and other financial aid. I would like to see the club become more active in serving the campus."

Upcoming Events

Today	LDSSA noon Room 311 BSC	Art League 12:15 p.m. Room A305 Spiva Art Center	International Club 2:30 p.m. Room 314 BSC	Student Teacher Banquet 6 p.m. The Keystone Room
Tomorrow		Baseball at University of Arkansas 1 p.m.		Women's, Men's Basketball vs. Kearney State 6 & 8 p.m. Young Gymnasium
Weekend	Women's, Men's Basketball vs. Fort Hays State 6 & 8 p.m. Saturday Young Gymnasium		Baseball vs. Oklahoma State 1 p.m. Sunday	
Monday		ROTC Recruiting 9 a.m. Lions' Den		Sigma Nu 5:30 p.m. Room 311 BSC
Tuesday	Newman Club noon Room 314 BSC	Interviews Colgate-Palmolive 8:30-3 p.m. Placement Office	Camera Club 3 p.m. Room 314 BSC	Film 'The Lower Depths' 7:30 p.m. Connor Ballroom
Wednesday	Ecumenical Campus Ministries noon Room 311 BSC	Interviews Meeks Building Center 10:30 a.m. Placement Office		Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC

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'Technique' is well made

BY STEPHEN MOORE
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Rating: ★★½
(out of ★★★★★)

Furthering the truth that one drum machine does not a dance band make, *New Order's* latest attempt, *Technique* proves that instruments and talent still have a place in the trendy world of hard dance.

Mixing the typical high-energy, high-tech dance tracks with cuts that are folkish and basic, the four members of the band formerly known as *The Joy Division* seem to have hit a mix that can't lose. This is evident by a string of hit albums starting in the early 80s and no less than seven number-one club hits.

The album starts off with "Fine Time," an intense dance track that sets a hard pace for the rest of the cuts to follow. A storm of drums and keyboards supercede the sparse vocals and make this easily the strongest track.

The second track, "All the Way," quickly shifts gears with a medium-tempo cut that initially sounds hauntingly similar to a song from *The Cure's* latest release, *Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me*, but it quickly comes into its own and develops strong vocals and dry-sounding guitars that represent the best guitar work on the album. The song is about self-worth and is generally a positive cut. This is nice when you consider the sea of gloom and doom and lost love that follow it as the themes of the next several tracks.

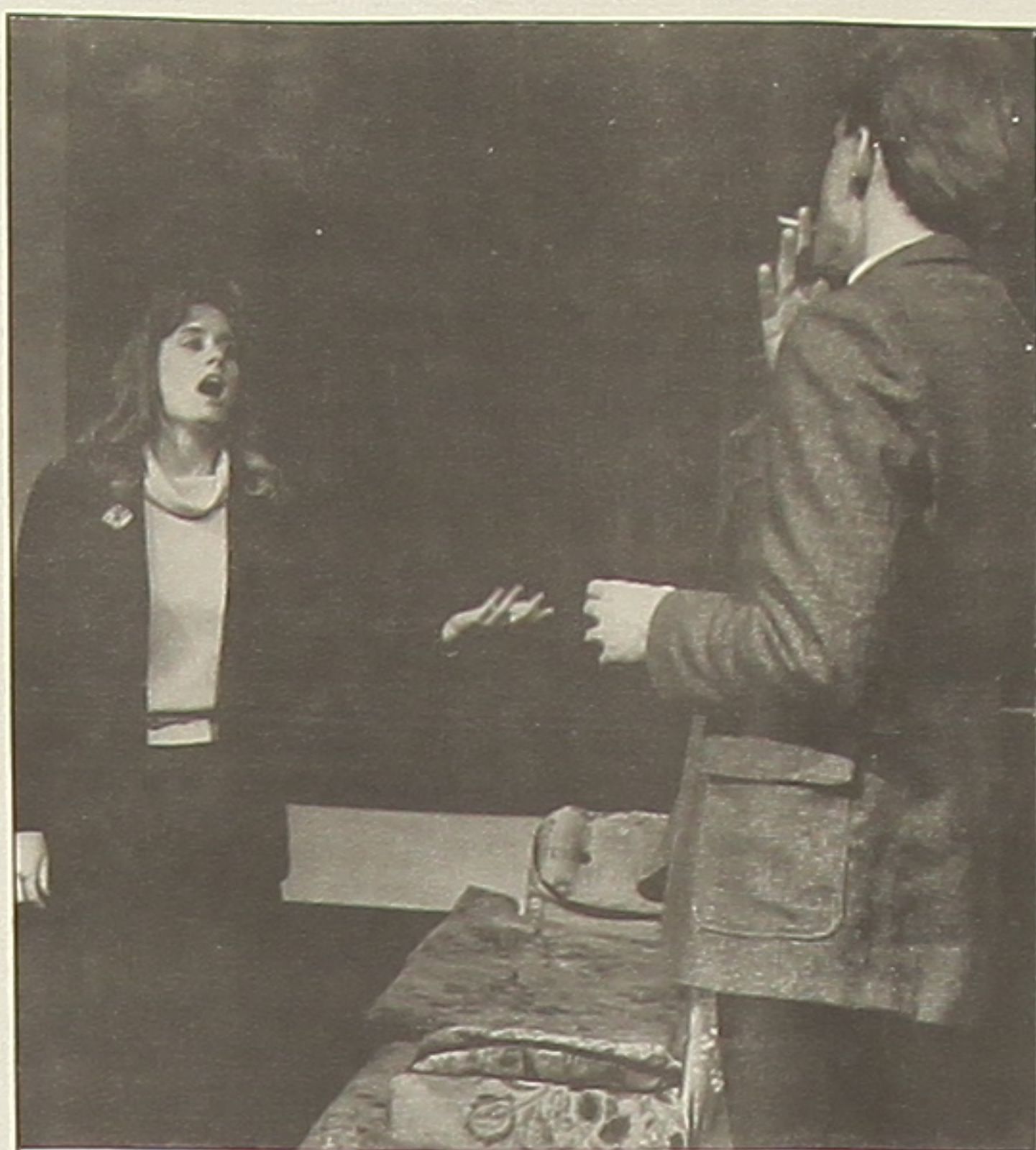
The remaining cuts can be grouped with either one of these first two with the exception of "Mr. Disco," a combination of the two sounds. This track serves well to release the boredom that has been built thus far.

If you're only interested in something to dance to, "Vanishing Point" should be just right. A mixture of a strong, consistent beat and boring vocals makes this one perfect for the dance scene. This is the type of song that makes a person wonder why they didn't just leave the drum machine running and take the day off. I have a feeling that essentially the same song would have been produced.

Easily, the best aspect of this album is the presence of true talent. Now, I know it may seem strange to be so impressed with the presence of something that most would consider fundamental to any successful performer, but as technology progresses, it seems that anyone possessing a third-grader's computer skills could record a hit dance track.

Not only the artful combination of electronics and traditional instrumentation, such as with "Mr. Disco," but the elaborate production on most of those tracks that are primarily electronic such as "Fine Time," makes *Technique* an all-together, well-made album.

Album Review



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Dress rehearsal

Tuesday, Samantha Wyer, in the role of Tansy McGinnis (left), and Brad Ellefsen, in the role of Axel Hammonds, performed a dress rehearsal for *The Nerd*, Southern theatre's current production. Performances for *The Nerd* began yesterday and will run through Saturday; however, each performance is sold out.

Debate team's performance at Pittsburg pleases coach

BY KATY HURN
ARTS EDITOR

For the third consecutive time this semester, Missouri Southern debaters captured third place in overall sweepstakes in a tournament.

Last weekend, a team of five debaters traveled to Pittsburg State University to compete in the Ozark Classic Swing Tournament, co-hosted by Southern and PSU.

In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Michael Prater finished fifth, Paul Hood seventh, and Steve Doubledee tenth.

Kevin Doss placed first in poetry, sixth in persuasive speaking, and sixth in mixed interpretation.

David Delaney, debate coach, was pleased with the results of the tournament.

"I'm really pleased; because when you can take just five people to a tournament and finish third, you're doing pretty good," he said. "Also, I'm taking a different group of people sometimes."

On Sunday, Southern accommodated over 200 debaters, as universities from Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and

Missouri swept the campus to compete. Students in this tournament participated in eight different individual events and Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) debate.

Delaney said judges were from the community, faculty, and student body helped, "which made the tournament go smoothly."

According to Delaney, the Ozark Classic Swing tournament, which will be held next year, is growing every year.

"It's not an extremely large tournament, but it's larger than moderate size," he said. "We're not small. We're a large, medium-size tournament."

Next year, Delaney said more judges and general help will be needed.

He said the students that helped this year were "instrumental" and "fantastic."

Among these are Hood, Doubledee, Doss, Jim Evans, Rachel Rhinehart, Pam Smith, and Tim Holt.

"My whole job falls on these guys," Delaney said. "They're the ones that do all the work and they're the ones that get yelled at, but they never get thanks."

Music major transfers to study under Meeks

Shideler alternates between flute, saxophone

BY KATY HURN
ARTS EDITOR

For Cheryl Shideler, a sophomore music major at Missouri Southern, music has been a part of her life since she was young.

Shideler, who is from Monett, started playing the flute in the sixth grade and later took up the saxophone while she was in her high school jazz band.

"The flute and saxophone have just about the same fingerings," said Shideler, "so it (the saxophone) was easy to pick up."

Shideler has had several musical influences in her life. Her father plays the guitar, and her grandmother played the piano.

"I always enjoyed listening to her because she played by ear," said Shideler. "She never did read music."

"My whole family is musically inclined, but they all play by ear."

During high school, Shideler played the alto saxophone in the marching band, the flute in the concert band, and the baritone saxophone in the jazz band.

Two musical accomplishments particularly stand out in Shideler's mind.

During her senior year in high school, she went to state and received a "One" rating on a flute solo. This pleased her, because nobody else in the school got a "one" in the state competition.

While in jazz band her sophomore year, the group performed at the Kansas City Jazz Festival. According to Shideler, Charles Perkins, who wrote the music for the band, favored the baritone sax and wrote a solo part for her, in Dixieland style.

"I received a certificate for outstanding bari saxophone player," said Shideler. "They judged me on how well I could play and keep the band together."

Being able to play more than one in-

strument has enabled her to fulfill several musical interests.

As a member of Southern's Lion Pride Marching Band, she plays the alto saxophone, and switches to the flute during the concert season, as she did in high school.

Shideler chose saxophone for marching band because she believes "you can't really hear the flute."

"I just decided to play saxophone outside because it's an easier instrument [with which] to project sound," she said.

"I've always studied the concert band music in flute," Shideler said. "I really like the flute sound in the band. I feel I'm a part of the concert band playing the flute."

Though she went to Southwest Baptist University her freshman year of her college career, Shideler came to Southern with the intent of studying under Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music.

"I've always wanted to study under Mr. Meeks," she said. "I think he was the influence of me coming here."

Shideler had also heard about Southern's jazz band and saw the concert band perform one time.

"Out of all the schools that are involved with music, I chose Southern because of the teaching and the teachers," she said. "It's more of a family atmosphere."

Among the styles of music Shideler enjoys playing are jazz and classical, but her preference of the two is jazz.

"I like to play more modern music," she said. "I like to play classical, too, but it's harder for me. It's more of a challenge."

In the future, Shideler plans to go on and get her master's degree in music. Eventually, she would like to be a teacher.

"I want to teach mainly little kids and hopefully become a band teacher in high school," she said.

Film will be shown Tuesday

The French film adaption of *The Lower Depths*, a play by Maxim Gorky will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of Billings Student Center.

This is the eighth program in the current Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society and co-sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council.

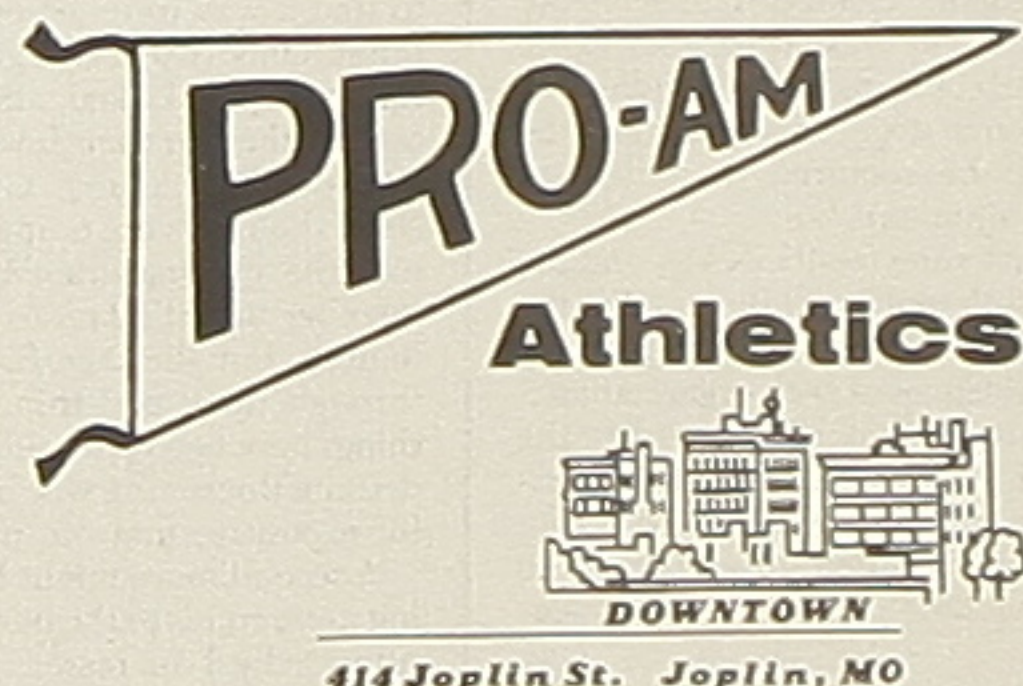
The Lower Depths deals with the problem of what happens to people when they are thrust into an environment which is actively conspiring to destroy them. A group of social outcasts in 19th century Moscow are brought to vivid life in a flop-house at the bottom rung of the ladder. This trap has ensnared thieves, prostitutes, and a baron down on his luck, who are all trying desperately to crawl out, adjust, or simply maintain their illusions. Jean Gabin is cast as a thief, and Louis Jouvet

plays the gambler baron who loses his wealth and human dignity.

Gorky gave his approval to the scenario of *The Lower Depths* shortly before his death. When Jean Renoir directed the film in 1936, he stated, "I have not tried to make a Russian film. I have made a human drama....I have tried to make a tender picture of the very soul of that 'poem on the loss of class' that Gorky wrote 34 years ago—its nostalgia, its humor, its mocking jests."

Although the atmosphere is more French than Russian, the film is completely faithful to the original.

Harold Barnes of the *New York Herald Tribune* believed that "it belongs to the select company of great French motion pictures." Frank Nugent of the *New York Times* labeled it "a mature, impressive, extraordinarily fascinating production."

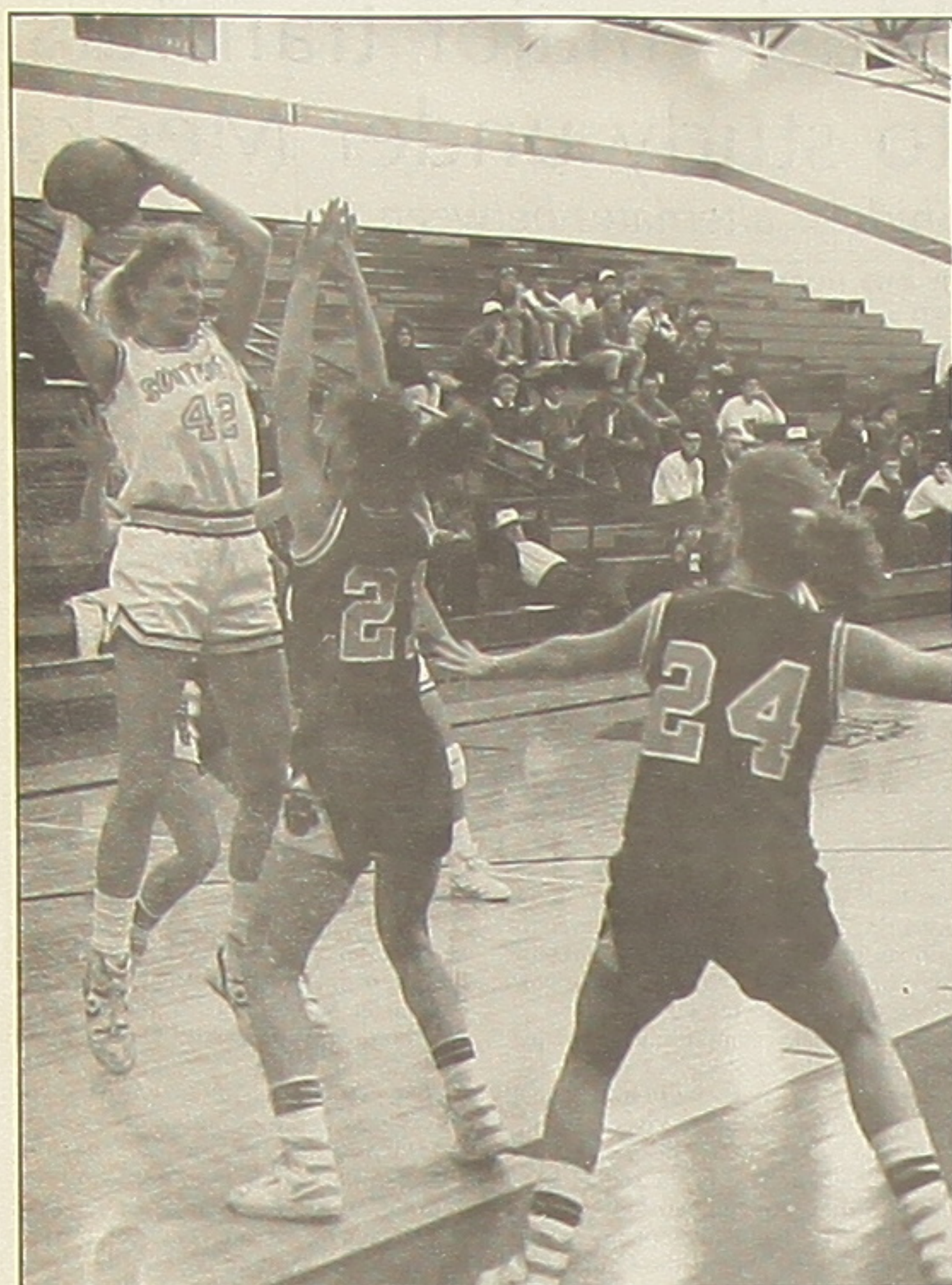


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Fires in jumper

Sophomore center Caryn Schumaker fires in two of her game-high 28 points against Southwest Baptist University Monday. Southern beat SBU 82-63.

Southern to host Kearney

BY VANCE SANDERS
STAFF WRITER

Closing out its home schedule, Missouri Southern entertains Kearney State tomorrow and Fort Hays State Saturday.

The Lions, 3-18, will be looking to end a school-record 12-game losing streak. At the same time, Southern is trying to snap a 23-game CSIC losing skid.

Both opponents bring high-powered offenses to town. Southern is last in the league in scoring and fifth in the conference in team defense.

Kearney, 13-10 overall and 5-5 in the CSIC, brings a two-game winning streak into tomorrow's game.

"We have a high-powered offense," said Jerry Hueser, Kearney State head coach. "We score lots of points."

Kearney has topped the century mark 10 times this season and averages 94.3 points per contest. The Antelopes defeated Southern 94-69 on Jan. 21 at Kearney. The Lions have a 9-16 career mark against Hueser's club.

Southern must slow down Kearney's offense while improving its own offensive production.

Kearney features a line-up with five starters scoring in double figures. Six-foot-1 guard Albert Maxey leads Kearney in scoring with a 20-point per game average.

"We are playing better lately. We have won our last two league games," said

Hueser.

Southern will be starting a line-up that plays good defense. Chuck Williams, Southern head coach, plans to start 6-5 junior Mike Rader, 6-5 sophomore David Lurvey, 6-5 junior Sam Wilcher, 6-0 freshman Tom Olsen, and 6-2 junior Brad Jackson.

Jackson, Wilcher, and Lurvey continue to pace the Lions with averages of 13.7, 11.3, and 10.1, respectively.

Fort Hays State, 17-5 and 7-3, visits Southern Saturday following a league game tomorrow at Pittsburg State.

"We are playing our best ball of the season," said Bill Morse, Fort Hays head coach.

Fort Hays is riding a four-game winning streak, and has won six of its last seven games.

All five starters for Fort Hays are averaging in double figures. Brett Buller, a 6-7 senior, and Steve Blackmon, a 5-11 junior, lead the Tigers in scoring with 17.9 and 16.1 averages.

"Blackmon has had an excellent week," Morse said. "He led us to three important wins."

Blackmon was named CSIC Player-of-the-Week for his efforts in Fort Hays' three victories last week. He scored 66 points, shot 51 percent from the field, and was 16 of 34 from three-point range.

Fort Hays features three of the league's top 10 rebounders. Buller leads the trio with an average of 9.4 rebounds per game.

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all the time.

One change the College made this year was splitting the duties of Lipira. During the 1987-88 school year, Lipira was responsible for volleyball in the fall and softball in the spring.

"I think the move to the MIAA was a big part of that decision," Lipira said. "It would be difficult to handle two sports in the new conference."

"Most of the sports have an off season. I never had that privilege. It's going to help both sports immensely."

According to Lipira, Southern's weakness in the MIAA might be staff limitations.

"It could be staff if we are shorted in anything," she said. "Other schools have graduate assistants to do recruiting."

Running trail to aid new sport

SEMO has dominated the MIAA in women's cross country. On the other hand, Southern brings in a team which has never participated in the sport. Southern, SEMO, and seven other schools participate in MIAA cross country.

"The team is going to have seven to 10 matches during the fall," Beard said. "We have to have six runners and Coach [Tom] Rutledge is optimistic that we will have that many."

According to Beard, Southern is going to have one of the top cross country trails in the nation. The course will run on the north, east, and south sides of Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Beard said the cost for the new course will be "minimal."

"We are in the process of putting a track in that will be one of the best spectator courses in the nation," Beard said. "I predict that spectators will be able to see about 90 percent of the course."

Beard said the course will be of a high-enough quality that the College could feasibly host state and national cross country championships.

"In a very few years, we could have remarkable interest," Beard said. "I think runners will want to run our course because it's going to be a good one."

Beard credited Rutledge for getting the program off to a good start during the College's move to the MIAA.

"He has created a lot of interest," she said. "Success and recruiting is going to be fielding a team he can build from. It's going to have to be a team effort."

"We're going to be looking for kids that want to leave a mark on Missouri Southern. We want them to be able to look back 15 years from now and say, 'Hey, I started that program.'"

Lady Lions down PSU

Gabriel says CSIC race has become secondary

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Behind the 30-point effort of junior Cheryl Williams, Missouri Southern raced past Pittsburg State last night 85-70.

Williams, a 5-foot-7 guard, was 12 of 24 from the field and six of seven from the charity stripe. She helped put the game away with 10 points in the final five minutes of play.

The Lady Lions, now 13-9 overall and 5-5 in the CSIC, jumped out to a 14-5 start and never looked back. They held a 50-31 halftime bulge. PSU made a nine-point run at Southern midway through the second half, cutting the score to 64-56. However, the Lady Lions quickly pushed the lead up to 14 points.

of the Ozarks second. Missouri Western and William Woods hold the three and four spots.

"I don't want to play on the road," Gabriel said. "We play so much better at home than on the road."

Southern does have the benefit of being on the homecourt tomorrow and Saturday, but it faces two opponents with distinct and different styles of play. Kearney State has pressed opposing teams most of the season while Fort Hays has slowed the ball down and packed it inside to 6-3 sophomore Annette Wiles. The Lady Lopers won a pair of CSIC games last weekend over Wayne State and Missouri Western.

"We played great at Kearney in our first meeting this year," Gabriel said. "I look for them to try and stop Diane [freshman

"We've got to move up [from fifth] in the Dunkel ratings. The only way we can move up is to win."

—Janet Gabriel, Southern head coach

In addition to Williams' effort, Southern received 16-point performances from senior Trish Wilson and junior Susie Walton. Sandy Stegman scored a team-high 23 points for the Lady Gussies, now 12-11 overall and 4-6 in the CSIC.

The win was vital for Southern as the team looks to improve its District 16 standing. Janet Gabriel, head coach, said the Lady Lions were facing a must-win situation against PSU.

"We've got to move up [from fifth] in the Dunkel ratings," Gabriel said. "The only way we can move up is to win."

Tomorrow's game against Kearney State and Saturday's game with Fort Hays State are no longer important conference wins. Rather, they have become games the Lady Lions can't afford to lose because of the district race.

"We would like to finish somewhere in the middle of the conference, but I would like to be in the top four district spots," Gabriel said. "The conference is now secondary."

Rockhurst leads the district with School

point guard Hoch]. They are a fast break-oriented team."

It was Hoch who dribbled through the Kearney State defense four weeks ago and scored 20 points en route to a 86-73 Southern win.

Kearney is led by seniors Pam Sis and Carol Rochford. Sis averages 17 points per game while Rochford chips in 12.2 and leads the team with 7.9 rebounds.

Fort Hays, 15-5 and 8-2, powered its way to a 71-65 win against Southern in the Lady Lions' conference opener.

"They are very big and physical," Gabriel said. "If they get good position of the post, it's over."

Although Wiles leads the Lady Tigers, sophomore Julie Kizzar and junior Chris Biser have averages of 11.4 and 10.6, respectively.

"We have to get the game tempo up," Gabriel said. "The refs tended to let it get physical at Hays, and that worked to our disadvantage."

"We're good enough to beat them here."

Lions await season opener

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Bad weather has postponed the baseball opener for Missouri Southern, as the Lions were scheduled to travel to Oral Roberts University yesterday. Poor field conditions resulted in the game being rescheduled.

The Lions have tentative plans to play ORU in Tulsa at 2 p.m. today. However, if field conditions are still poor, the game will be rescheduled for next Wednesday.

With the uncertainty of the ORU game, the Lions are focusing on the game against the University of Arkansas tomorrow. The NCAA Division I school is nationally ranked and is considered "stiff competition."

"Arkansas is an aggressive team," said Steve Hann, back-up catcher for the Lions. "The school has a great facility, and our team is as ready as it ever will be."

Instead of playing the customary doubleheader tomorrow, the teams will only play one game with another contest scheduled for Feb. 24.

"Whether or not we play a doubleheader does not matter that much to us," said Mike Swidler, right fielder. "Playing on two separate days benefits the larger schools more. It generates more revenue for them."

Between the two Arkansas games, the Lions will face Oklahoma State University on Sunday. The Cowboys are ranked fifth in the latest NCAA Top 25 poll. The Lions have never beaten Oklahoma State.

"We played pretty well against them last year and they were ranked No. 1 in the country," said senior Jim Baranoski, starting catcher. "They have some of the best athletes in the nation. They are the best team we will play all year."

The Lions will be facing approximately 18 Division I teams this season. But the strength of the competition does not seem to hamper the optimism of the team.

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that this would confuse your results and negate their accuracy. Because that would defeat the purpose of requiring this test in the first place, I suggest you change your policy.

Whatever your decision about the test in general I do not plan to take it and I do plan to graduate May 13. I will be happy to speak to you about this if we can find a mutually agreeable time.

Sincerely,
Kimi Sue Malach
senior psychology major

[Editor's Note: Copies of this letter have been submitted to the following people: Douglas Crandall, Frank Dunaway, Betty Israel, John Phelps, Gilbert Roper, Russell Smith, and Sara Woods.]

My Opinion



Positive move to MIAA takes dedication

Moving, whether it's changing homes or switching conferences and athletic affiliation, can be frightening.

Missouri Southern's move to the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the NCAA is similar to changing houses, cities, and jobs in many ways. For several programs, there will be a lot of pulling up stakes and starting over. For others, the move means little more than following new rules and playing different teams.

Realize that in just seven months the football Lions will open at home against Lincoln University. While it is a move up, Lincoln is not exactly a top-notch opponent. It's comparable to playing Wayne State.

On this campus, changing conferences and sport governing bodies will be like the Soviet Union opting for democracy. It is a drastic (but not necessarily a bad) move. It's going to feel different being a student at a school without something called the NAIA as its affiliation. I'll regret not being a part of it.

Rules galore will set the stage for Southern's move. It seems I hear about a NCAA rule that a coach was not aware of every week. Southern coaches read NCAA literature like it's going out of style.

While I've never actually seen a copy, someone once told me about the NAIA rulebook. On the first page, in bold letters, is the phrase "There are no rules."

But the NCAA rulebook could be compared to learning a new language. Both a new language and the rulebook are packed with new information and new concepts.

With all the required changes, there are still several optional changes Southern needs to consider.

First on the list of priorities should be increased funding for both men's and women's basketball. It's easy to see the need of the women's program—an assistant coach. In the name of fairness, the women's program should receive the same consideration the men's team does.

The men, on the other hand, need to find a way to re-generate fan interest. Only two years ago, Southern fans punched, kicked, and clawed at one another for their favorite seat at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. Now, the Lions are doing well to fill half the gymnasium. We must remember that it's easy to cheer for a winner, but the true fan hangs on through thick and thin. This year, things have been particularly thin. A definite thickening will be necessary for a positive move to the MIAA.

A second move might be channeling more funds to the baseball team. Admittedly, I am biased in that baseball has always been my favorite. But Southern baseball has the potential to become more successful. Over the long haul, Warren Turner has proven he can win against a variety of opponents. In all honesty, I don't know what it will take specifically. Ken Jones, MIAA commissioner, said many MIAA have made efforts to do well in one sport. Maybe the same efforts and concentration could be made here without any serious damage to the other programs.

While softball and baseball in particular are likely to experience immediate success, soccer is likely to face the toughest competition. The University of Missouri-Rolla, Northeast Missouri State, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis make MIAA soccer outstanding. While I'm sure money is an issue with the soccer program, dedication might be just as important.

For that matter, dedication might be the key ingredient for any sport's move to be a successful one.

□ Robert Smith is editor-in-chief of The Chart.